

REMARKS

Per the Office Action mailed March 24, 2011, claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 10, 12-14, 18-22, 31 and 36 have been allowed. Applicants thank the Office for prompt allowance of the claims.

Formal Matters

The Office states that the application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

- a. “the angle” (claim 1, line 4) and “the roll material” (claim 4, line 2) both lack proper antecedent basis since they were not properly earlier referred to.

Applicants have amended claim 1, line 4 to read “an angle” and claim 4, line 2 to read “the ferrous roll surface is substantially free of thermal degradation.”

- b. “a rotating roll” (claim 1, line 6) should be changed to - - the rotating roll - -.

Applicants have amended claim 1, line 6 to read “the rotating roll”.

- c. - - of the roll - - should be inserted “length” (claim 1, line 7; claim 31, line 5).

Applicants have amended claim 1, line 7 and claim 31, line 5 to read “axial roll length of the roll”.

CONCLUSION

Based on the amendments presented above, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Office has any questions or comments or needs any additional information, I invite the Office to telephone me at the number listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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